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Applicant : Chen et al.  
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Filed : October 20, 1998  
Title : NOVEL MODIFIED NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES AND METHODS FOR  
INCREASING MRNA LEVELS AND PROTEIN EXPRESSION IN CELL  
SYSTEMS

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

This is in response to the action mailed April 12, 2000. An appropriate extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 5, please insert - This application claims the benefit of previously filed

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Provisional Application Nos. 60/062,592, filed October 20, 1997 and 60/085,649, filed May 15, 1998, the contents of which are incorporated in their entirety.

At page 4, lines 2 and 6, at pages 10, line 20 and at page 11, line 16, please remove the word "he" and replace with -the--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12-16 and 22 without prejudice and amend claims 1-11, 17 and 19-26 as follows:

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1. (Amended) [A] An isolated modified [known] nucleic acid [of] encoding a parasite protein or fragment thereof which is capable of being expressed in a mammalian cell, wherein

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